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Guatemala: The Rebel Armed Forces (FAR), the Communist terrorist organization, is again threatening to stage assassination attempts against US Embassy personnel.

The attacks will be part of a stepped-up wave of violence in Guatemala City and the interior after 1 May,

[redacted] US personnel have been targeted because the FAR believes they are behind the repression and violence the Guatemalan Army recently has directed against Communist Party members.

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Although the level of Communist-inspired violence has remained fairly constant in recent weeks, military pressure and the growing rift between the Communist Party and the FAR have weakened and demoralized the insurgents.

US Embassy and Guatemalan security officials are aware of the FAR plans and have taken precautionary measures.

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East Germany: East German leaders will probably use the Seventh Party Congress opening today in East Berlin to reply to West German Chancellor Kiesinger's 12 April call for an improvement in inter-German relations. Prior to the West German initiative, the gathering had promised to be a lackluster affair concentrating on the East German economy and the unity of the world Communist movement. Preparatory meetings of lower-level party bodies suggest that no important personnel or organizational changes will be made at the congress. Soviet party leader Brezhnev and other foreign party dignitaries are attending. [REDACTED]

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*Ghana: A group of relatively junior army officers moved early today to overthrow the ruling National Liberation Council (NLC) of senior army and police leaders. NLC Chairman Ankrah has fled his official residence and the key military member of the NLC has reportedly been taken prisoner. The chief of staff, who is also an NLC member, is, however, said to be planning a counterattack, and is reported in control of the operations center at the Accra army base. The motive for the coup attempt has not been revealed, but there are no indications it is in support of former president Nkrumah. [REDACTED]

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*South Korea - North Korea: South Korean planes sank a North Korean ship in the Yellow Sea this morning. Seoul has announced that the North Korean ship was bringing Communist agents to the South. The incident is likely to increase tension along the Demilitarized Zone already made high by recent Communist forays across the military demarcation line. [REDACTED]

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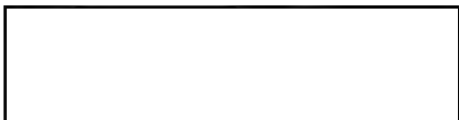
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